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SUBJ: GERMAN BORON TO GDR IL 1715

REFS: A) SCOM (76) 473, B) STATE 256897

1. GERMAN DEL HAS RESPONDED TO COMMENTS CONTAINED REFTEL
B AS FOLLOWS:

"A. THE AMOUNT OF 6.400 KGS OF BORON CARBIDE IS THE
ANNUAL REQUIREMENT FOR THE VEB HARTME-
TALLWERK(CUTTING METAL WORKS) AT IMMELBORN. WITH
REGARD TO THE MARKET SITUATION FOR BORON CARBIDE
AND TO THE QUALITY OF THE MATERIAL IMPORTED FROM
THE USSR, THE GERMAN AUTHORITIES WISH TO POINT OUT
THE FOLLOWING FACTS;
THE ONLY PRODUCER OF BORON CARBIDE IN THE FEDERAL
REPUBLIC OF GERMANY IS THE FIRM ELEKTROSCHELMZWERK
KEMPTEN GMBH (EKS). IN 1976, THIS FIRM HAD A PRO-
DUCTION VOLUME OF 163 TONS. THE BASIC MATERIAL IS
BEING IMPORTED FROM THE USSR.

WHILE IN 1976 THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY EX-
PORTED 75.11 TONS, SHE IMPORTED (FROM THE USSR)
82.4 TONS OF BORON CARBIDE.

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ACCORDING TO THE ANALYSES MADE BY THE AFOREMENTION-
ED GERMAN FIRM, THE QUALITY OF THE RUSSIAN MATERIAL
IS ALMOST EQUAL TO THE GERMAN MATERIAL. THE COM-
POSITION OF THE RUSSIAN BORON CARBIDE IS CONSIDER-
ABLY BETTER THAN THE QUALITY OF BORON CARBIDE EM-
BARGOED BY IL 1715.

ANALYSES OF THE BORON CARBIDE

| | RUSSIAN PRODUCT | GERMAN PRODUCT (ESK) |
|-----------|-----------------|----------------------|
| BORON | 75.68 PER CENT | 76 - 79 PER CENT |
| CARBON | 23.44 PER CENT | 24. - 21 PER CENT |
| SILICON | 0.2 PER CENT | 0.1.PER CENT |
| IRON | 0.02 PER CENT | 0.1 PER CENT |
| CALCIUM | 0.05 PER CENT | 0.01 PER CENT |
| ALUMINIUM | 0.02 PER CENT | 0.01 PER CENT |
| NITROGEN | 0.01 PER CENT | 0.01 PER CENT |

B. THE GERMAN DELEGATION HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO WITHDRAW PART B OF THE SCOM REQUEST (76)473 CONCERNING THE EXPORT OF 1.500 KG BORON CARBIDE WHICH WAS DESTINED TO NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS. THE REASON FOR THIS WITHDRAWAL IS THE PRESENT IMPOSSIBILITY TO CONTROL THE END-USER OF THIS MATERIAL.

THUS, THE GERMAN AUTHORITIES, REQUEST THE UNITED STATES APPROVAL FOR THE REMAINING 4.400 KG BORON CARBIDE.

AT THIS OCCASION, THE GERMAN AUTHORITIES WISH TO POINT OUT THAT, IN VIEW OF THE MARKET SITUATION AND IN VIEW OF THE QUALITY OF THE MATERIAL IMPORTED FROM THE USSR, THEY DOUBT THE NECESSITY FOR THE EMBARGO OF BORON CARBIDE. THE EASTERN BLOC APPEARS TO BE SELFSUFFICIENT AS FAR AS BORON CARBIDE IS CONCERNED. AT THE NEXT LIST REVISION, THE GERMAN AUTHORITIES WILL, THEREFORE, PROBABLY PROPOSE THE DELETION OF SUB-ITEM (C)(1) OF IL 1715."

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2. ACTION REQUESTED: INSTRUCTIONS ON REMAINING 4,400 KGS OF BORON CARBIDE BY MAY 27.

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